GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:587
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Indians Killed in Afghanistan
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of Indians killed in Afghanistan in the last 15 years;

(b) the details of the compensation paid to families of the victims; and

(c) the efforts taken to upgrade the Indian security infrastructure in Afghanistan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) The number of Indians killed in Afghanistan since 2001, year wise is as follows:

Year Number of Indian Nationals Killed
2001 Nil
2002 Nil
2003 Nil
2004 Nil
2005 1
2006 2
2007 Nil
2008 9
2009 1 (kidnapped, died in captivity)
2010 7
2011 Nil
2012 1
2013 4
2014 4
2015 4
2016 (till date) 2
TOTAL 35

(b) Government has taken necessary steps to ensure financial and other assistance to the families of Indian officials and Indians working on Government-aided projects killed in terrorist attacks in Afghanistan, including ex-gratia compensation, insurance payments, liberal pension benefits and other admissible benefits.

(c) Government continues to review security and safety of our personnel and other Indians working in Afghanistan and takes appropriate measures to enhance the same. The latest such exercise was undertaken in March-April 2016. It is also in regular touch with the Government of Afghanistan, which has assured necessary security for Indians in that country. Indian nationals are regularly advised about the prevailing security situation in Afghanistan through security advisories, outlining the precautions they need to take for safety and security.